



Arizona Game and Fish Commission

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Governor Howard Pyle,
Capitol Building,
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Governor Pyle:

Attached you will please find all of the correspondence concerning the recapture of Fort Huachuca by the Secretary of the Army and Secretary of the Air Force. Also attached you will please find three copies of the map of Fort Huachuca delineating the proposed boundary for use by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in the event of the Fort's use by the military forces.

Your attention is particularly directed towards my letter to you of January 29 regarding the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's position relative to the U. S. Air Force's requested recapture of title to the Fort.

As per our conversation on March 13 we feel the same approach should be made in reply to the efforts of the U. S. Army to acquire title to Fort Huachuca. As indicated by previous talks with our Congressional delegation, it has been determined that a lease drawn up by the U. S. Army Engineers which would give the U. S. Army exclusive use privileges for such length of time as the Federal authorities deem necessary would serve the same purpose as the outright recapture of the title. The lease method of obtaining exclusive use for the military would also exclude the possibility of another controversy on how and to whom the area should be given in the event it is ever again declared surplus.

Your suggested method of approaching this problem is excellent and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission is in complete accord with your suggested method, in that:

1. An attempt should be made to give exclusive use to the military through lease rather than outright recapture of title.
2. In the event this cannot be accomplished it should be suggested that the U. S. Army be requested to allow the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to retain title of the portion of the area outlined on

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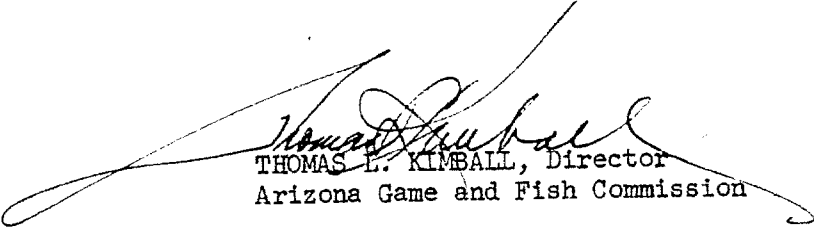
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the attached maps for the preservation of antelope, buffalo, five species of quail and turkey, at present on the area.

3. In the event neither suggestions 1 nor 2 can be accomplished, that the wording of the telegram to you from the Secretary of the Army be clarified, which in substance stated that recapture of the Fort would be accomplished in such a manner as to provide minimum interference with the State's program. An explicit, detailed and written explanation of this phrasing in the telegram should be requested in order that the Commission may make plans for the future regarding its use of the Fort Huachuca area.

If any further information is desired by your office or the Secretary of the Army please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours very truly,



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